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SUMMARY. AS REQUESTED REFTEL, POST IN THIS MESSAGE IS REPORTING EXPORT CONTROL MEASURES MAINTAINED OR INSTITUTED BY GOS DURING LAST FIVE YEARS. END SUMMARY.

1. EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS: AN EXPORT LICENSE IS REQUIRED BY THE GOS FOR EXPORT OF ANY QUANTITY OF THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS: ROUND STEEL BARS (SINCE 1972), CEMENT (1973), GRANITE, SAND, EDIBLE OIL, METAL SCRAP (1973), RICE (1974), SUGAR (1973), EMPTY BOTTLES, FEATHERS, AND ONE-CENT COINS. EFFECTIVELY, THESE ITEMS ARE EMBARGOED.

2. PARTIAL QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS: AN EXPORT LICENSE IS ALSO REQUIRED FOR EXPORT OF CERTAIN OTHER ITEMS IF TOTAL EXPORTS EXCEED CERTAIN NORMS. THESE ARE:

A) COPRA: EXPORTS NOT TO EXCEED 40 PCT OF IMPORTS.

B) WHEAT FLOUR AND GRAIN: EXPORTS NOT TO EXCEED 50 PCT

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OF IMPORTS.

C) SWEETENED CONDENSED MILK: EXPORTS NOT TO EXCEED 12,000 CARTONS A MONTH.

3. ALL OF ABOVE CONTROLS ARE FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD. REASONS FOR INTRODUCTION ARE, IN CASE OF FOOD AND CONSUMER ITEMS, TO MAINTAIN DOMESTIC SUPPLIES AND/OR STABILIZE PRICES. IN CASE OF CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL, THERE IS THE ADDITIONAL PURPOSE OF PROTECTION OF NON-RENEWABLE NATIONAL RESOURCES. STEEL BARS AND METAL SCRAP EXPORTS ARE RESTRICTED TO ENCOURAGE OR PROTECT LOCAL INDUSTRIAL PROCESSING. COIN EXPORT RESTRICTED TO PREVENT SHORTAGES.

4. INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS: IN ADDITION, EXPORT OF CERTAIN TEXTILES TO THE UNITED STATES AND SWEDEN ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING. NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE EEC TO RESTRICT TEXTILE EXPORTS ARE IN PROGRESS. NEGOTIATIONS WITH AUSTRALIA HAVE RECENTLY COLLAPSED, LEADING TO UNILATERAL RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY AUSTRALIA ON SINGAPORE TEXTILE EXPORTS. FOR TRANSISTOR RADIOS, AN EXPORT LICENSE IS REQUIRED FOR EEC COUNTRIES ONLY.

5. ALL EXPORTS TO RHODESIA ARE PROHIBITED.

6. EFFECT ON TRADE: IN EMBASSY VIEW, GOS EXPORT RESTRICTIONS LISTED PARAS 1 AND 2 ABOVE HAVE NO SIGNIFICANT DISTORTING EFFECT ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE. NOR DO THEY HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT ON U.S. TRADE, AS THESE PRODUCTS WOULD NOT LIKELY BE TRADED WITH THE U.S. IN ABSENCE OF CONTROLS. SOME REGIONAL SALES (AND PROFITS) OPPORTUNITIES ARE LOST TO SINGAPORE MANUFACTURERS BECAUSE OF CONTROLS (E.G., CONDENSED MILK).

7. CONTROLS DO ADVERSELY EFFECT SINGAPORE'S TEXTILE EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES. DURING TERM OF THE U.S./SINGAPORE TEXTILE AGREEMENT (JANUARY 1, 1975 TO DECEMBER 31, 1977) THE GOS MUST LIMIT ANNUAL EXPORTS TO THE U.S. OF COTTON, WOOL, AND MAN-MADE FIBER TEXTILES AND TEXTILE PRODUCTS TO SPECIFIED AGGREGATE, GROUP AND SPECIFIC LIMITS. HOLDRIDGE

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